instructions in the OPM Operating Manual, THE GUIDE TO PROCESSING PERSONNEL ACTIONS, for sale by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents.

- (f) Agencies shall file award documents in the Official Personnel Folder in compliance with instructions in the OPM Operating Manual, THE GUIDE TO PERSONNEL RECORDKEEPING, for sale by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents.
- (g) Agencies shall report award data to the Central Personnel Data File in Compliance with instructions in the OPM Operating Manual, FEDERAL WORKFORCE REPORTING SYSTEMS, for sale by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents.
- (h) Agencies shall maintain and submit to OPM such records as OPM may require.
- (i) Agencies shall give due weight to an award granted under this part in qualifying and selecting an employee for promotion as provided in 5 U.S.C. 3362.
- (j) Agencies shall take any corrective action required by OPM to ensure conformance with applicable law, regulation, and OPM policy.

### §451.107 OPM responsibilities.

- (a) OPM shall review and approve or disapprove each agency recommendation for an award that would grant more than \$10,000 to an individual employee.
- (b) When a recommended award would grant more than \$25,000 to an individual employee, OPM shall review the recommendation and submit it (if approved) to the President for final approval.
- (c) OPM shall review and approve or disapprove a request from the head of an Executive agency to extend the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 4505a to any category of employees within that agency that would not be covered otherwise.
- (d) OPM may evaluate the operation and application of an agency's award program(s).

## Subpart B—Presidential Awards

SOURCE: 51 FR 8419, Mar. 11, 1986, unless otherwise noted.

## §451.201 Authority and coverage.

- (a) Under chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code, the President may pay a cash award to and incur necessary expenses for the honorary recognition of an employee who:
- (b) Awards granted under paragraph (a) of this section are subject to the restrictions as specified in §451.105.
- (1) By his/her suggestion, invention or other personal effort contributes to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement of Government operations, or achieves a significant reduction in paperwork; or
- (2) Performs an exceptionally meritorious special act or service in the public interest in connection with or related to official employment.
- (c) During any fiscal year, the President may, subject to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 4507, award to any Senior Executive career appointee recommended by OPM the rank of—
- (1) Meritorious Executive, for sustained accomplishment, or
- (2) Distinguished Executive, for sustained extraordinary accomplishment.
- (d) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this subpart applies to employees as defined by section 2105 of title 5, United States Code.
- (e) This subpart applies to agencies as defined in section 4501 of title 5, United States Code.
- [51 FR 8419, Mar. 11, 1986, as amended at 58 FR 65534, Dec. 15, 1993; 60 FR 43947, Aug. 23, 1995]

### §451.202 Payment.

- (a) A Presidential award is paid by the agency(ies) primarily benefiting from the employee contribution.
- (b) A Presidential award may be in addition to an agency award under subpart A of this part.

# §451.203 Responsibilities of the Office of Personnel Management.

(a) The Office of Personnel Management shall review annually agency recommendations for Presidential Rank Awards for career appointees of the Senior Executive Service under section